



## Newsletter August 2018

### Seed Scheme

Catalogues and order forms for The National Society Seeds Scheme are now available to all Association members. The seeds, which are very competitively priced, are supplied through Kings, and are of an equivalent standard to those available from the better known suppliers. In addition the Association gets a discount from Kings on every order we submit. An additional discount is earned on orders submitted before the middle of November so early orders are much appreciated. For a catalogue contact one of the Committee members listed below. Maren Talbot is Seeds Secretary and all orders should be sent to her in the envelope provided.

### Membership

There is no immediate threat to either site but as you no doubt know the pressure to provide housing sites is relentless. We must therefore keep the plots fully occupied and well maintained to reduce the risk of losing the sites in the future. It is also very important that we maintain a high level of membership to protect the allotment sites and to show our commitment to their future. Those of you who have not joined or renewed yet this year will receive a membership application form along with this newsletter.

### Woodchips

Woodchips delivered to Hanging Hill are available free of charge for all tenants of both sites. Foxes Piece tenants are requested to contact a committee member if they wish to collect woodchips from Hanging Hill.

### Website Forum

Follow the link below to exchange news and information with other Marlow allotment holders.

[www.marlowallotments.proboards.com](http://www.marlowallotments.proboards.com)

### Discount

Hunts in Station Road continue to give discount on gardening items to Association members. **Please ensure that your membership is up to date, as it is essential that you present your membership card if you wish to claim the discount.**

### Chicken Manure Pellets & Rabbit Manure

20kg bags of chicken manure pellets are available to members for £10.00. Rabbit manure is free but donations to the Association are appreciated. Contact Sylvia on 473946.

### Spotted Wing Drosophila

This fruit fly, which was first reported in the UK in 2012, can damage a wide range of fruit, including cherries, plums and raspberries. The female penetrates the skin of the fruit and lays eggs under the surface, which turn into larvae and then damage the fruit. An otherwise bumper cherry crop on the Hanging Hill site was badly affected by this fly during the summer. More details including control measures can be found at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=852>.

### Cashless allotment rents

Marlow Town Council will no longer be accepting cash payments for allotment rents. Payments can be made by cheque, BACs or by card in the office. If paying by BACS the sort code is 30-95-36 and the Account number is 01581935. Remember to quote your surname and plot number.

### Change of Address

If you change your address or contact details please remember to let us know.

## Newsletters by e-mail

More than 180 tenants now have their Newsletters delivered electronically, which still leaves around 60 delivered by hand. Thanks to the volunteers who do this. If you do not yet receive the Newsletter by email and would like to do so please contact Peter England.

## Bonfire & Barbecue.

We had planned to hold a bonfire & barbecue in September at Hanging Hill, but this has been postponed due to the restriction on lighting bonfires having been extended until the end of September, as a response to the long period of dry weather. We hope to have rescheduling information soon.

## Town Council's Best Kept Allotment Competition

All plots were judged earlier in the summer. A second and final judging took place on 16 August. In addition there will be the Mayor's prizes for the plots with the most unique feature at both sites. A number of highly commended certificates will again be awarded, opening up the competition to more tenants, as this proved popular last year. Prizes and certificates will be presented at the AGM.

## Dahlia Talk

Foxes Piece site tenant Richard Bailey gave a talk on growing dahlias at his plot on the evening of 13 August. The talk was billed as being by a renowned expert and it was soon made clear that this was no exaggeration. There were more than twenty in attendance, some of whom were already growing dahlias. They should have learnt a lot. The Association is always keen to have talks on whatever subject tenants would like to present. Previous talks have been on growing orchids and making wine at home. We would welcome ideas.

## Triangle picnic.

The 6th Barbeque event for Triangle tenants was held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August at the Hanging Hill site. The very dry conditions meant that prudence dictated a picnic rather than a barbecue. Unfortunately after several weeks of hot dry weather the rain arrived. The Marlow Town Mayor Cllr Chris Funnell attended along with Cllrs Jocelyn Towns, Roy Cadman, Richard Scott and Neil Marshall. There were volunteers from the main allotment site, who ensured that guests were well fed and enjoyed the afternoon despite the weather. There was a good attendance of about 50.

## Your 2018 Committee

Committee Members can have several roles but perhaps most importantly in keeping an eye open for matters of concern at both sites and ensuring that the Council is informed. Committee Members attend five meetings a year to discuss on-going issues and ideas for projects and events. Scott Pickard decided to stand down from the committee and as chair for personal reasons. He has been replaced as chair by Fred Tillier for the rest of the year.

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